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TO: William T Fujioka
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FROM: Sachi A. Hamai 
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SUBJECT: FILM PERMITS AND INCREASED FILM PERMIT FEES

At the Board of Supervisors' Budget Deliberations meeting held June 25, 2012, during the discussion of Agenda Item No. 5, Supervisor Antonovich requested you to work with the Fire Chief to report back to the Board in 30 days as to whether filming has decreased significantly in Los Angeles County since the increase in film permits assessed by the Fire Department, and with any evidence that it is now easier for film companies to apply for County film permits as was promised with the higher fees.

Enclosed is a copy of the transcript to assist you in preparing your report.

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Enclosure

c: Each Supervisor
Fire Chief

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1 SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES SPECIFICALLY IN OUR OFFICE, REAL ESTATE
2 ACTIVITIES, IF WE WERE TO HIRE AN OUTSIDE REAL ESTATE FIRM,
3 THE COST WOULD BE A LOT MORE THAN WHAT THE COUNTY POSITION
4 WOULD REQUIRE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE REASONS OUR COUNTY HAS NOT FACED
7 THE CRISIS AS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS THAT WE HAVE NOT
8 RELIED ON ONE-TIME FUNDING TO EXPAND OR INITIATE ONGOING
9 COSTS. THE BUDGET RELIES ON NEARLY 76 MILLION DOLLARS IN ONE-
10 TIME FUNDS TO CLOSE THE BUDGET GAP. WHAT PLANS WILL BE MADE TO
11 REDUCE COUNTY'S RELIANCE ON ONE-TIME FUNDS SO WE DON'T END UP
12 IN THE SAME SITUATION AS OTHER JURISDICTIONS?

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14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** GIVEN WHERE THE ECONOMY IS AT THIS POINT IN
15 TIME I'M CONFIDENT THAT NEXT YEAR WILL BE A MUCH BETTER
16 CONDITION. OUR REVENUES INCREASING. WE'RE CONTINUING OUR
17 EFFORT TO IDENTIFY COST REDUCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
18 THROUGH OUR EFFICIENCY PROGRAM. YOUR CONCERN, WELL TAKEN, NEXT
19 YEAR I DON'T FORESEE THE SAME ISSUE. THE ONLY TIME WE WILL USE
20 ONE-TIME FUNDS AS WE MOVE FORWARD WILL BE ONE TIME COST SUCH
21 AS SOME OF THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS AND MAJOR EXPENDITURES

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WERE INFORMED BY FILM L.A. THAT FILMING
24 HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE COUNTY SINCE THE PERMIT
25 FEES HAVE BEEN INCREASED. THE FILM FEES ASSESSED BY THE FIRE



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1 DEPARTMENT, DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE THAT IS NOW EASIER FOR FILM
2 COMPANIES TO APPLY FOR COUNTY PERMIT FEES AS WAS PROMISED WITH
3 THOSE HIGHER FEES?

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT WE CAN DO, SIR, WE HAVE A FIRE CHIEF HERE
6 BUT MAYBE WOULD BE BEST IF HE AND I WORKED TOGETHER AND REPORT
7 BACK YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FINE. THANK YOU. AND THE RESTAURANT, WHICH WE
10 HAD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON IN THE PAST, WANT TO OPEN A RESTAURANT
11 IN THE COUNTY MUST GO TO AT LEAST FIVE AGENCIES WITH DIFFERENT
12 OFFICE HOURS IN DIFFERENT CITIES. WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO
13 ACHIEVE THIS INFORMATION ONLINE OR VIA MAIL. COULD WE HAVE A
14 REPORT WHAT IS BEING DONE TO IMPROVE THE PERMITTING SYSTEM IN
15 LIGHT OF ALL THE FEE INCREASES THAT THE BOARD HAS PASSED AND
16 REPORT BACK ON THAT PROGRESS IN MAKING THE COUNTY BUSINESS-
17 FRIENDLY ON THAT? > >**C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SPEAKER: YES, SIR.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES AN
20 AVERAGE OF 3,200 CASES A YEAR OF CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL
21 ASSAULT, MANY LEADING TO ARREST AND CONVICTION. HOWEVER, THE
22 FUNDING FOR SPECIAL VICTIM'S UNIT THAT INVESTIGATES THESE
23 CRIMES HAS AN UNMET NEED OF 2.1 MILLION DOLLARS. IN LIGHT OF
24 REALIGNMENT SENDING MORE CRIMINALS INTO OUR COUNTY, I SUSPECT
25 WE WILL HAVE A HIGHER INCREASE IN THESE CASES. SO COULD WE